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1. AT ITS NOV 23 MEETING WG DISCUSSED ITS DRAFT REPORTS TO SPC ON TECHNICAL/MILITARY ASPECTS OF STABILIZING MEASURES AND NEGOTIATED INSPECTION (REFS. A AND B RESPECTIVELY). UK REP CONTINUED TO SANDBAG ON MOVING FORWARD REPORT ON STABILIZING MEASURES (DETAILS OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS SEPTTEL), ARGUING THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT AGREE TO PRINCIPLE OF ANY MEASURE UNTIL THEY HAD EVALUATED AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD ITS TECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS. POSITION WAS SUPPORTED BY FRG REP (DZIALAS), BUT OTHERS ARGUED THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WG SHOULD PROVIDE
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BASIC JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER MEASURES AS SUCH WERE ACCEPTABLE FROM MILITARY/TECHNICAL STANDPOINT. IN ORDER TO BREAK IMPASSE, CHAIRMAN (SMITH) PROPOSED INCLUSION OF NEW LANGUAGE TO STRENGTHEN IDEA THAT ALLIES WOULD RETURN TO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF INDIVIDUAL

MEASURES AT A LATER TIME, WHEN AND AS SPC DIRECTS. AMENDMENTS WILL BE CIRCULATED BY CABLE TO CAPITALS THROUGH NATO WIDE CHANNELS.

2. ON INSPECTION PAPER (REF. B), FRG REP. CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT WG SHOULD NOT SANCTION USE OF MLM'S AND ATTACHES IN ANY INSPECTION SYSTEM. US REP., SUPPORTED BY OTHERS, INDICATED THAT SUCH DETERMINATION WAS LARGELY A POLITICAL ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED BY SPC. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED QUALIFYING LANGUAGE HOLDING WG TO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MLM-ATTACHES. OTHER ELEMENTS OF TEXT WERE APPROVED WITH SOME EDITORIAL MODIFICATION AND ADD ONS, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WERE: ADDITION TO PARA 7 INDICATING THAT ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL BORDER ZONE IN GDR WOULD BE OF LITTLE BENEFIT TO NATO, DELETION OF PARA 8, AND ADDITION TO PARA 21 NOTING THAT USE OF RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN WG DOCUMENT AC/276-D(72)1 WOULD MAKE "OPEN SKIES" CONCEPT INOPERATIVE. CHAIRMAN WILL SUBMIT CHANGES BY CABLE TO CAPITALS NATO-WIDE.

3. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF DRAFT WG REPORTS TO SPC IN TIME FOR NEXT WG MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

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